GDP by Industry

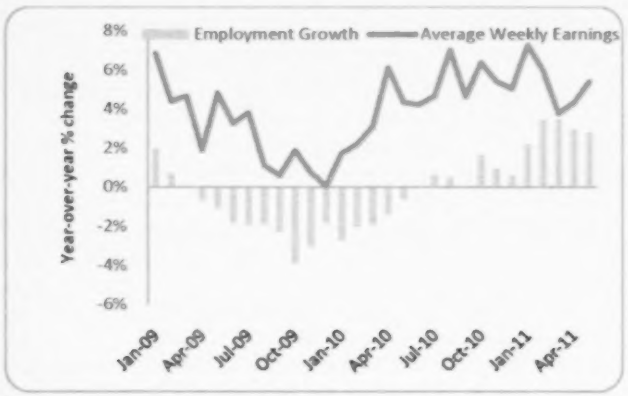
Canada's GDP slips in May...

Canadian real GDP unexpectedly fell by 0.3% in May, but continued to grow by 2.2% year-over-year. The monthly loss was due to a 5.3% decrease in mining and oil and gas extraction as forest fires and pipeline leaks led to a delivery disruption. Manufacturing fell by 0.4% as exporters struggled with the high Canadian dollar and construction activity was down 0.3%. Wholesale trade edged up by 1% and the public sector contributed to growth with advances in health (0.1%) education (0.2%) and public administration (0.5%).

Average Weekly Earnings

More jobs at higher wages ...

After strong employment growth, Alberta wages showed moderate growth in May. Average weekly earnings advanced 0.5% from April to $1037.40 and average hourly wages increased by 0.1% to $25.28. Industries with the highest monthly wage growth in May were real estate, rental and leasing (11.8%) and wholesale trade (9.5%). Decreases were recorded in management of companies and enterprises (-10.4%) and administration and support services (-3.1%). Alberta still holds the highest level of weekly earnings and hourly wages in the country.



Rigs Drilling

Rigs continue to mobilize...

The average number of rigs drilling in Alberta rose to 240 in July, a 60% increase from June. On a year-over-year basis, rigs drilling increased 20.8% in Alberta. Rig utilization also improved to 44% as more available rigs were put to use. Nationally, rigs drilling increased 57.3% in July, only a 9.7% increase over last year.

Canadian Dollar (US¢/C$)	
July 29, 2011	104.84
July 22, 2011	105.24
2011-12 YTD	103.64
WTI Oil US$/bbl	
July 29, 2011	$95.70
July 22, 2011	$99.87
2011-12 YTD	$101.14
Nymex Natural Gas US$/MMBtu*	
Near-month Contract	
July 29, 2011	$4.14
July 22, 2011	$4.40

Estimate based on Nymex Futures Market Price

Raw Materials Price Index

Input prices falling ...

The price index for raw materials (RMPI) dropped for the second consecutive month, falling 2.2% in June. This can be attributed to the 4.9% fall in the price for mineral fuels, as the RMPI excluding mineral fuels advanced 0.5%. Despite the monthly decline, on a year-over-year basis, raw materials are up 23%.

Industrial Product Price Index

Petroleum products led decline ...

The industrial product price index (IPPI) fell by 0.3% in June. This decline was due to a 2.8% drop in the price for petroleum and coal products, as this commodity group suffered from a 4.3% decrease in gasoline prices. Despite supply chain issues in North Africa and growing demand in emerging markets, US and Euro-zone debt concerns suppressed oil price growth. The exchange rate also had a strong effect on IPPI: without the 0.9% depreciation of the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar the IPPI would have fallen by 0.5% instead of 0.3%.

US Economy

GDP growth disappoints...

Initial estimates show 1.3% second quarter annualized real GDP growth in the US. Exports increased by 6% while imports grew only slightly (1.3%). A withdrawal of government spending may have hurt growth as non-defence federal spending fell by 7.3% and state and local governments spending decreased 3.4%. A downward revision for the first quarter also shows disappointing growth of 0.4% at the beginning of the year which is extremely weak. Forecasts are likely to be downgraded as a result.

Current Economic Indicators

Population	2009	2010	2011YTD*	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	June
Population [1] (000's) (level)	3,671	3,721	3,758	--	--	3,758	--	--	--
% change	2.2	1.4	1.5	--	--	1.5	--	--	--
Net Interprovincial Migraton [1] (level)	13,184	-2,183	8,940	--	--	5,275	--	--	--
Net International Migration [1] (level)	16,835	21,533	15,143	--	--	4,149	--	--	--
Net Non-permanent Residents [1] (level)	19,162	-77	-8,872	--	--	-504	--	--	--
Labour Market									
Employment (000's)	2,025	2,017	2,068	2,068	2,064	2,060	2,069	2,091	--
% change	-1.3	-0.4	3.0	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.5	--
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.5	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.4	5.6	--
Participation Rate (%)	74.3	72.9	73.2	73.4	73.2	73.2	72.9	73.7	--
Average Weekly Earnings ($) NEW!	950.13	993.13	1031.50	1030.49	1031.15	1032.26	1037.4	--	--
% change	2.9	4.5	5.3	5.9	5.3	3.3	4.9	--	--
Price Indices									
Consumer Price Index	-0.1	1.0	2.0	1.2	2.0	3.0	2.8	2.1	--
Excluding food and energy	1.4	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.8	0.2	--
Non-Res. Building Cons. Price Index [2]	-9.8	-0.1	-0.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farm Product Price Index	-10.6	-3.9	17.2	20.7	19.3	17.0	11.4	--	--
Crops	-18.9	-14.5	17.2	15.6	18.0	19.4	19.8	--	--
Livestock	-2.8	5.7	18.4	25.1	20.0	16.1	10.6	--	--
Household Sector									
Housing Starts (SAAR, 000's)	20.0	27.1	22.4	22.2	20.7	22.7	25.7	23.9	--
% change	-31.6	33.5	-22.6	-22.4	-40.0	-22.8	-13.2	-10.8	--
New Housing Price Index	-9.0	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.3	--	--
Edmonton	-11.2	-0.8	0.7	1.1	1.2	0.4	0.7	--	--
Calgary	-6.7	1.7	0.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0	--	--
MLS Average Resale Prices ($ 000's)	340.5	350.9	353.7	355.9	348.8	360.1	351.7	352.9	--
% change	-3.1	3.1	0.0	2.5	-1.9	0.6	-2.4	-0.9	--
Edmonton	319.1	326.5	322.7	321.8	320.2	326.4	322.7	321.6	--
% change	-3.5	2.3	-2.5	-1.2	-4.6	-4.2	-3.0	-2.1	--
Calgary	384.3	397.4	401.5	403.8	393.4	404.4	403.7	401.9	--
% change	-4.2	3.4	0.8	2.3	-0.8	2.2	-1.3	-1.6	--
Retail Sales	-8.3	6.0	5.6	5.0	3.9	7.5	7.8	--	--
New Motor Vehicle Sales	-21.7	9.3	6.8	-0.1	12.5	11.8	4.5	--	--
Consumer Bankruptcies	9,986	8,150	3,151	636	680	640	617	--	--
% change	64.6	-18.4	-10.3	-0.2	-12.4	-14.0	-8.2	--	--
Business Sector									
Rigs Drilling	128	207	250	418	366	123	84	150	240
% change NEW!	-45.6	61.3	40.0	23.3	66.6	100.4	50.4	26.9	20.8
Goods Exports (customs based)	-36.3	11.7	14.9	7.1	20.1	13.8	19.0	--	--
Energy	-40.1	16.2	17.1	6.8	23.9	13.4	24.3	--	--
Agriculture	-10.2	-14.4	4.7	6.3	-3.3	11.6	3.6	--	--
Total Farm Cash Receipts (quarterly)	-8.0	-3.9	16.9	--	--	--	--	--	--
Manufacturing Shipments	-23.7	11.0	16.1	14.4	18.2	20.9	--	--	--
Wholesale Trade	-15.9	10.8	13.3	11.9	13.0	9.4	16.0	--	--
Building Permits	-14.2	2.1	0.8	50.2	-12.6	-22.3	12.8	--	--
Residential	-11.8	24.7	14.5	34.0	-4.5	0.2	-9.0	--	--
Non-residential	-16.3	-19.0	26.2	224.7	24.4	-49.0	52.8	--	--
Business Bankruptcies	405	378	117	22	26	17	22	--	--
% change	-9.4	-6.7	33.9	-26.7	-45.8	-54.1	-37.1	--	--

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* YTD – year-to-date represents the change since the beginning of the year compared to the same period in the previous year.

1 Quarterly; annual numbers are presented on a census year basis (July 1 - June 30).

2 Quarterly, average of Calgary and Edmonton

Sources: All data is from Statistics Canada except Housing Starts (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), MLS Average Resale Prices (Canadian Real Estate Association), Rigs Drilling (Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors) and Bankruptcies (Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada).

Current Economic Indicators by Province